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- 25X1 1. The People's Army Second Central Officers Training School occupies a former Japanese anti-aircraft base at Pyŏng Chŏn Nŭi (平川里), Pyongyang.* It offers courses in military training, Russian language, and political indoctrination for army officers. In late September 1949 the school personnel included 190 officers as instructors, 764 political students, 216 Russian language students. Its armament consisted of 890 rifles, 190 sub-machine guns, 80 light machine guns, and 20 heavy machine guns.
- 25X1 2. The school is headed by Major General CHŎN Sŏng-hwa (全成華), [redacted] who is of Russian-Korean extraction and was graduated from a Soviet military academy and a Soviet university. He was at one time manager of a kolkhoz in the USSR. CHŎN has a Korean adjutant, Lt. PAK Hwa-kŭn (朴華根), a graduate of the third class of the school, and as adviser a Soviet army major whose functions are political rather than military.
- 25X1 3. The political section is directed by Colonel KIM Ch'ang-ch'ŏl (金昌哲), [redacted] a graduate of a Soviet university who formerly served in KIM Il-sŏng's guerrilla forces in Manchuria. His office staff includes three master sergeants as clerks: CH'OE Yong-kŏn (崔鏞健), [redacted] KIM Han-yŏng (林彦用), [redacted] and KIM Sang-hang (金相恒), [redacted]. The dean of the political section is Colonel KIM T'ae-kŭn (金泰根), [redacted] a lieutenant in the Soviet army after his graduation from a Soviet army political staff school in the USSR. The political curriculum includes the following:
- 25X1 a. Communist Party history, under department head Lt. Colonel KIM Yong-t'ae (金用根), [redacted] graduate of a Soviet university and master sergeant in the Soviet army. Assistant professors are Major SIN Sun-ch'ŏl (申彦哲), [redacted] a graduate of the third class of the school, and five other majors.
- 25X1 b. World political and economic geography, under department head Lt. Colonel KIM Ki-sŏk (金基勑), [redacted] graduate of a Soviet political school and senior sergeant in the Soviet army. Assistant professors are CHŎNG Myŏk-kyu (鄭赫圭), a graduate of the school's Russian language course, and seven majors.

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c. Korean history, under department head Lt. Colonel YI Na-yŏng (李羅英),
 25X1 [] a writer in Korea before the war. His subordinates are Major
 PAK Yŏng-chin (朴永振), graduate of the third class of the school,
 and three other majors.

d. Current politics, under department head Lt. Colonel PAK In-hyŏng
 (朴仁亨), [] a graduate of the North Korean Staff Officers
 Training School. His assistant is Major CH'OL Ch'ang-pŏm (崔昌範),
 25X1 [] a graduate of the first class of this school.

e. Social science, under department head Babilic, a Soviet Korean []
 25X1 [] who has held the position since February 1948.

4. The Russian language course is headed by Lt. Colonel YIM (林), []
 25X1 [] a graduate of Moscow University, who has held the position since
 25X1 January 1948. His assistants are Major AN Hŭng-in (安興仁), []
 25X1 Major YU Chin-su (俞鎮洙), [] Major CH'OE Ki-cho (崔基祚),
 aged 24, and four other majors.

5. The director of the military section of the school is Colonel HWANG Sŏng-
 25X1 pok (黃成福), [] a Soviet-Korean. After graduation from a
 Soviet military academy, he was an infantry company commander on the German
 front during World War II; he is a captain in the Soviet army. HWANG's
 office staff includes 1st. Lt. HYŪN Hak-sik (玄鶴植), a graduate of
 25X1 the third class of the school, as chief of general affairs; his assistant
 1st Lt. KWAK Se-chun (郭世俊), [] a graduate of the school also
 25X1 from the third class; and three master sergeant clerks. The dean of the
 military section is 1st. Lt. KIM Tong-su (金東洙), [] a
 graduate of the English literature course of the Aoyama Foreign Language
 School in Tokyo.

6. The military curriculum includes the following courses and professors:

a. Tactics, taught by Lt. Colonel CHU To-il (朱道日), graduate of a
 25X1 Soviet school for non-commissioned officers, who returned to Korea in
 December 1945 and completed the Pyongyang school course in February
 1946. He has a Soviet captain as his adviser.

b. Strategy, taught by Major HAN Che-t'ae (韓端孝), [] and Major
 25X1 CH'A Pyŏng-sŏng (車炳星), [] both graduates of the school's
 first class.

c. Chemistry, taught by an unidentified major, also in the first class of
 the school.

d. Topography, taught by another first class member, an unidentified major.

e. Engineering, taught by another major from the first school class.

f. Basic training, taught by several majors, with a Soviet captain as
 adviser.

g. Firing, section headed by Lt. Colonel AN Lung-kuk (安興國), who
 completed a Japanese army ordnance school course and was a second lieu-
 tenant in the Japanese army, and later graduated in the school's first

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class. A Soviet captain acts as his adviser. Instructors are six majors, all graduates of the first school class, including HO Yong-hwan (胡用煊) [redacted]

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7. The services section of the school is directed by Colonel AN Chae-sŏn (安載善), aged 47, who formerly headed the public works section of Pyongan Province under the Japanese. His administrative officer is Lt. HAN Nae-sik (韓來植), [redacted] a graduate of the third class of the school. There are also two master sergeants acting as clerks.

8. The services curriculum includes the following sections:

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- a. Food, directed by Major PAE Pyŏng-kun (裴炳群), [redacted] who was formerly a driver for an armored unit in the Eighth Route Army in Manchuria.

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- b. Transportation, also directed by Major PAE Pyŏng-kun.

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- c. Clothing, directed by Major HŎ Ch'ang-ho (許昌浩), [redacted] who until he assumed his present position in December 1948 was head of the Political Bureau of the First Division of the People's Army. His assistant is a [redacted] captain.

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- d. Construction, directed by Captain KIM T'ae-ch'an (金泰讚), [redacted] [redacted] formerly head of the school's liaison office in Pyongyang. He has three master sergeant clerks.

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9. Part of the school establishment are one guard company, and three political companies, and a Russian language company. The basic organization of each includes a company commander; an office staff of one master sergeant and one senior sergeant; and four platoons, each headed by a first lieutenant, with a sergeant under him, and four squads, each with a squad leader and twelve men. The company commanders are the following:

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- a. First Political Company: Major CHŎNG Sŏng-yu (鄭成圭), [redacted] a graduate of the first class of the First Military Officers Training School, who has held his position since January 1948.

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- b. Second Political Company: YI T'aek-ki (李沃基), rank not stated, a graduate of the first school class.

- c. Third Political Company: Major YI Wŏn-ho (李元鵬), [redacted] graduate of the first class of the First Military Officers Training School.

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- d. Guard Company: Captain YU Kyŏng-nok (俞京錄), [redacted]

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- e. Russian Language Company: Major YI Pong-se (李鳳世), [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. This is one of several political schools at Pyongyang. [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. Another CH'OE Yong-kŏn, obviously not identical, is a well-known North Korean leader.

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